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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002 (Paper # 19), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 16 as follows:

Preferably, the oligonucleotide according to the invention is selected from the group consisting of the following nucleotide sequences:

- ANAATGAANTTACNAATTNACNGCNANAGANTT (SEQ ID NO: 2) and more particularly *femS1* TAATGAAGTTACAAAATT (SEQ ID NO: 3) or *femS2* TAATGAAGTTACNAAATT (SEQ ID NO: 4)

- ATGNCNNANAGNCATTNACNCANA (SEQ ID NO: 5) and more particularly *femU1* ("universal" sequence sense of the multiplex PCR): TGCCATATAGTCATTACGC (SEQ ID NO: 6)

- TAGTNGGNATNAANAANAANNATAANGANGTNATTGC (SEQ ID NO: 7)